



# An Interview With Master-at-Arms Chief Petty Officer Keith Minor



When an American says that he loves his country, he means not only that he loves the New England hills, the prairies glistening in the sun, the wide and rising plains, the great mountains, and the sea. He means that he loves an inner air, an inner light in which freedom lives and in which a man can draw the breath of self-respect.

—Adlai Stevenson

### ***Please describe your experience with the Navy. What motivated you to enlist?***

Upon graduating from high school, I enlisted in the U.S. Navy looking for the opportunity to travel and receive a college education.

### ***How long have you served?***

I have been in 18 years.

### ***What is your current rank?***

My current rank is Master-at-Arms Chief Petty Officer.

### ***Where are you stationed?***

I am currently stationed at Naval Station Rota, Spain.

### ***What are your responsibilities?***

Security department, Training Officer: I am responsible for ensuring the training of Naval Security, Auxiliary Security, and Reserve Security personnel.

### ***Please describe your experience with the Certified in Homeland Security Program. How did you first hear about CHS?***

I am an advocate of life-long learning, and during a conversation with my Senior Enlisted Advisor, MACM Rebecca Owens, I found out about the CHS program.

### ***What motivated you to join?***

After completing the initial certification and learning more about the impact Certification in Homeland Security was making, I was determined to become a member in this fast-growing organization; I also wanted to be able to share this program

with other Sailors.

### ***What effect has CHS had on your professional development?***

The Certification in Homeland Security has reinforced my awareness of global terrorism. In developing our Training plan, we focus on educating Sailors about the impact and potential threats fostered by terrorists as they explore ways to influence our governments. As a member of the military, we are constantly traveling and exposing ourselves to these potential threats, and the CHS program has provided us with an excellent platform to build on.

### ***What was the class like? Feel free to comment on the instruction, the content of the class, or any other aspect of the course.***

At the conclusion of CHS IV and V, I was impressed with the amount of in-depth information that was discussed and the focus that was placed on current terrorist methods. The instructors were very knowledgeable about the subject; I felt we all learned something new about this field.

### ***What feedback did you receive from the others in the class?***

I received positive input and excitement about the certification process from everyone in the class.

### ***How do you anticipate the Certification will contribute to the Navy? How will the information presented benefit the sailors? How will the credential affect their careers?***

As the civilian sector relies more on certifications to document personal achievements, I feel it is important for the Navy to encourage our Sailors to learn from their civilian counterparts; this certification program is an excellent opportunity.

